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SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.

rth Carolina-Rain or snow Thursday 1 to brisk westerly winds; Frida

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North Carolina.

General.

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Colombian troops reported to be marching on Panama in great numbers; United States army and may ready to meet them and where them them to remain the control of t

THE ANNUAL DINNER OF SOUTHERN SOCIETY

(By Associated Press,).

centh annual dinner of the Southern So-cicly was held to-night at the Waldorf-Astoriu.

ONLY ONE CONVICTED IN HENRICO

W. P. Terry First Victim of the Barksdale Law.

SQUIRE FRIEND LEFT IN DISGUST

He Was Displeased With the Rulings of His Two Associates

UPHELD EXISTENCE OF BARKSDALE LAW

'Squires Friend and Lewis Declare it in Effect-The Cases' Against Messrs. Bryant and Childrey Dismissed-That of Mr. Stumpf Quashed.

The Brauer Trial.

passing note, the Henrico election trials sensationalism, though from beginning to end they abounded in an interest not a little heightened by another string of

review a rather remarkable situation prosented itself. In the very midst of an argument to quash one of the warrants, the court intervened and announced its upon the matter then being discussed. It was gently suggested to th

far-away Varina home, the trials seeded, but only two magistrates sat seafter-Thomas and Lewis.

Three Dismissed; One Convic-

votes, took an appeal, and announces that he will fight the case to the end. The Brauer warrants and the case against Pat McDonnell were postponed until Sat-

Pat McDonnell were postponed diffusionally make the warring the day's work, insofar as the warrings themselves were concerned. The legal questions involved were again brought to the front. The question of whether or not the Barksdale law is

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CLAIMED MERGER ENTIRELY LAWFUL

Brief Filed in Behalf of J. P. Morgan on Northern Sc-

curities Company.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- A brief in behalf of J. Plerpont Morgan, Robert Bacon and Daniel S. Lamont, appellants, with others, in the case of the United States vs. Northern Securities Company, was filed in the United States Supreme Court to-day by Attorneys Francis Lynds Stetson and David Wilcox. They claim on behalf of their clients that the so-called merger was entirely lawful, and say:

"These transactions have consisted merely in the organization of a lawful corporation of New Jersey, and in the sale to and purchase by it, of property lawfully salable. The legal effect of the transaction has been that the owner of the stock in one of the rullway companies has sold the same to the Sccurities Astoria.

The speakers of the evening were Robert 1. Harris 2. president of the society, in Woodrow Wilson, president of Prince for University: Dr. Hamitton W. Mattie and Thomas Neison Page, who spoke in the place of former United States Senter the present.

The speakers were Barr Ferrero, secretary of the Pennsylvania Society, seriously for the Pennsylvania Society.

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NEW TRIAL FOR BUTLER, WHO NOW GOES FREE

KILLED SON IN ANGER AND FATHER CONVICTED

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, GA., Dec. 9.—In the Sucerior Court here to night, a jury retirned a vordict of voluntary manslaughter against R. H. Burton, who was of ter against R. H. Burton, who was on trial for killing his seventeen-year-old son. The killing occurred in this city. September 5, 1903. The father alloged that the son cursed him and threatened to kill him and that before he knew what he was doing, he had drawn his knife and stabbed his boy to death. James Bürton, another son, was a prosecuting witness in the case.

TILLMAN ASKS STATUS OF WOOD AND CRUM

(By Associated Press.) 9.—Sena for Tilman has propared a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to mulic as to the status of nominate to that falled in the last session and were that fulled in the last session and were renewed at the beginning of the present session of Congress. The inquiry is for the purpose of developing the present po-silion of General Wood in the army and frum as collector of the port of Char-leston, S. C.

READY FOR

Chief of Police Howard Has no Objection, He Says, to Being Investigated.

NO CHARGES YET BROUGHT

Major Howard Explains His Position in the Matter-Mr. Irving Campbell's Statement.

Hill, white under fire on cross-examination, said that the chief of police had not
done his duty in assisting in the prosecution of violators of the Sunday laws,
and it was intimated that charges would
be preferred against the chief on this
ground, as well as upon the ground that
Major Howard had refused to aid those
who were working up the case, by detailing Officer Wyatt to help them.
READY FOR INQUIRY.
Major Howard said last night that he
was not conscious of having done anything that might warrant investigation,
"But if any one thinks I am a subject for investigation," he said, "I am

by Mr. Robins.
"Mr. Walker asked me to let Policeman Wyatt serve the papers. I saw no reason for such procedure, and did not comply with the request. Mr. Wyatt was on duty in another section of the city, and Mr. Robins is detailed at headquarters for just such duties. The cases had been worked up by the Baldwin detec-

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THE NEW PROPHET IS IN HARD LINES

The Rival of Dowie Stranded in New York and May Not Get Away.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 9.-New York is hard place for prophets. John H. Ralsion, who came here from the South to preach the doctrines of the Mission Company of the Loud Cry and Third Annual

pany of the Loud Cry and Third Annual Message, who is a rival of Dowle, in the South, is here stranded. Apostle Raiston is in worse shape than the Zion City apostle.

"Elliah" went back home in a private car and sent his wife to Europe first-class. The Loud Cry apostle and his wife may not get back home at all, unless they walk.

Unlike Dowle, Ralston does not claim the distinction of any special line of biblical descent, nor does he claim any iffular distinction. But, he does claim that he is in close communion with saints and that revelations are frequently made to him in dreams.

Central Georgia Changes.

Special to The Times-Dispatch.

SAVANAH, GA. Dec. 9.—Theodore
D. Kine, general manager of the Ceptral Railway, has announced the following appointments, effective December 15th;
S. Jette, assistant general manager, neadquarters Savannah, J. T. Johnson, superintendent of first division, headquarters Savannah; H. S. Crawford, superintendent fourth division, headquarters at country to Cincinnati, where he country to Cincinnation of the country to Cincinnation of the

ELECTION IN HOUSE

Grand Juries to Investigate All Elections.

ANGRY DEBATE PRECEDES PASSAGE

Messrs. Leake and Allen Engage in a Very Acrimonious Controversy,

HABITUAL DRUNKARD BILL IS DEFEATED

Missed Passing the Senate by a Very Narrow Margin-Bill to Provide an Additional \$150,ooo for Improvement of Capitol Building-Death for Kidnappers.

ral Assembly yesterday were the adop enlargement of the State Capitol, and placing the work in the charge the joint committee of the two and the Gövernor as chairman The passage of the Leake amendmen

to the Barksdale law followed one of the sharpest debated of the session, in the course of which Mr. Leake and Mr. Allen, of Botetourt became involved in a colloquy which at one time threatened to strain the relations of the two gentlemen if not provoke personal altercation Mr. Allen denounced as unqualifiedly false u-statement fra attributed to Mr

did a good day's work, the Senate almost finishing the volume of revision bills. The Senate made the Jordan bill to

The Senate made the Jordan bill to break the Baylor survey a special and continuing order for next Tuesday De-cember 18th, at 11 A. M., but did not limit debate on the bill.

The Senate.

The Senate convened at 11 A. M. Lieutenant-Governor Willard presiding, There

A communication from the House of Delegates announced the passage of a large number of Senate bills with amend-ments and House bills. These were re-ferred to the Committee for Courts of

har examination for a freeins of pacted law was taken up and passed.

Also House bill 423, to permit the Com-missioner of Agriculture to collect spe-mens of natural history, was passed with out objection. The bill carries no appro-

priation.

OYSTER BILL SET.

House bill 437, known as the Jordan

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WENTZ AT HOME; MIND AFFECTED

Telegram from Bristol Says He Was Rescued From Kidnappers in Desperate Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 .- A Bristol (Va.) special says:

"Kidnapped Edward Wentz ias been rescued, and is in the hands of his friends. But his mind is seriously affected by his terrible experience while in the hands of bandits.

Presbyterian Ci urch at Philadelphia last year.

A letter was read stating that the body generally known as the Presbyterian Church, South, had declined the invitation to take part in the conference. The letter was from the Rev. Dr. W. A. Alexander, of Clarksyllie, Tenn., State clerk of the Southern General Assembly. In his letter Dr. Alexander sald:

"The General Assembly of the Southern Church expresses its fraternal regards for the branch of the Reformed Church inaugurating the union movement, and its sympathy with the spirit that desires closer fellowship among Presbyterian bodies, but declines to appoint the committee asked for, because there is no evidence in sigat to justify the assembly in hoping that the object proposed may be gained in this way." "It developed to-day that in a desperate midnight encounter with outlaws in the heart of the Black Mountains, where Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky join, friends of the missing Philadelphia millionaire, who disappeared from the Wentz estate Adolph von Hausemann Dead.

THE COLOMBIANS ARE MARCHING ON PANAMA



The President-"Please don't open that door, Mr. Gorman!"

MR. GLASS MAKES RECORD FOR INTRODUCING BILLS

TO FIX TIME AND PLACE

Chairman Jones Calls Democratic National Committee for January 12th.

GORMAN MAY BE AT HEAD

Thought He Will be Made Chairman in Event Senator Jones Asks to Retire.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) tional Committee, to-day issued a call the time and place of holding the De

Gorman May be Chairman. matters of great importance before the committee beyond the selection of the place and time of holding the convention. It is thought very probable, however, that ex-Senator Jones will resign the chairmanship of the committee, in which event a successor would be chosen. Mr was never satisfactory to the great

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mass of the party as national chairman

CHURCHES GANNOT GET TOGETHER

Letter From Southern to the Northern Presbyterian Church.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, December 9.—A Joint committee of representatives of four branches of the Prespyterian faith met here to-day to discuss the question of church unity, in accordance with a resolution passed by the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Ci urch at Philadelphia last

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN: December 8.-Adolf von Hausemann, head of the Disconto Geselischaft, is dead.

A Tobacco Dealer Gets a Big Bill for Duty on Returned

Shipment. THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Southern Members Worked Up Over Proposition to Curtail Their Representation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Repre-sentative Glass, of the Sixth Virginia District, had not offered but one bill this year until to-day, when he introduce forty-one of interest to the people of hi

district. The bills by title are as fol For a public building at Radford,

For a public building at South Boston

For a public building at Bedford City to cost \$50,000 For enlarging the public building

To pay the Methodist Protestant Church

die, of Campbell county.

To complete the ninth article of the treaty of 1819 between the United States and Spain. For the relief of Elizah Poague, of Ronnoke county, For the relief of Susan Sloan, of Roan-

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STUDIED TOO HARD; KILLED HIMSELF

Suicide of the Son of a Prominent Man at Michigan University.

(By Associated Press.)
ANN ARBOR, MICH., Dec. 9.—Russell

H. McWilliams, of Kansas City, Mo., a junior literary student at the University of Michigna, committed suicide to-day at the Sigma Alpha Epistom House, of which fraternity he was a member.

McWilliams slept in a room with E. W. Sutton. Sutton was awakened by a shot and rushed over to McWilliams' bed and found him dead with a bullet through his heart. Sutton could give no reason for his chum's act, except that he had seemed somewhat morose the last two days.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 9.—Young Mewilliams was the son of Harry Mc-Williams, a member of local wholesale dry goods firm, and one of the most prominent men in the city, Mr. McWilliams says that his son's act was undoubtedly the result of overstudy. The boy entered the University at Ann Arbor at the age of fifteen.

The Loss \$30,000.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA. December 8.—

Fire burned the third floor of the big grocery store of J. and M. Schwabascher, Limited, Lo-day, and water considerably damaged the other floors. The loss is \$30,000, fully insured.

Converging on the 1sthmus From All Parts.

FRENCH VESSEL BRINGS REPORTS

Eleven Hundred Said to Have Landed Near the Gulf of Darien.

UNITED STATES ARMY AND NAVY ARE READY

No Troops from Colombia Will be Permitted to Remain on the Isthmus-Gen. Reyes Has Received no Information of Reported Movement From Colombia.

The French steamer Versailles, which the department of Cauca, Colombia, are

Without Authority.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.-Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d'affairer, to-day authorized the statement that if

The policy of the entry of Colombian troops into Panama, was said to-day to be to provent a conflict before it commenced. To this end the naval commanders in the those waters have been given instructions to keep the Colombian troops at a greater distance from the Isthmus at points where a fight with the Panaman troops is likely to occur.

In all naval operations, it may be stated on authority, the department sistill guided by the treaty of 1846 under which the United States guarantees to keep transit across the Isthmus open. A broader interpretation of the duties and responsibilities of the government in this respect has now been given to this treaty, by which the protection of the United States will not alone be confined to the canal strip, but to any part of the territory of Panama.

War Department Ready.

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When seen to-day Lieutenant-General Young, chief of staff, authorized the statement to be made that the War Department was ready to dispatch troops to the Isthmus on short notice, should their presence be demanded. Although the statement heretofore has been denied, it is learned that the department has taken notice of the repeated reports that Colombian troops were assembling at different points with the avowed purpose of making hosalle demonstration against Panama, and has perfected all military plans to repel such an invasion. General Young said that should be be called upon to assist the navy it would not be necessary to send to the Isthmus more than a regiment or two.

Although none of the members of the foint army and navy board, which met to-day, would admit that the Isthmian situation was under discussion, it is known such was the case, and that both army and navy are now in a state of preparedness for any conflict with Colombia, which might arise.

Cruiser on Watch.
Collon, Dec. 9.—The United States cruiser Atlanta is still patrolling the eastern end of the San Blas coast, and keeping an outlook for any attempt on the part of Colombian government to land troops on the Isthmus, which the Atlanta would provent. The Atlanta is also an deavoring to ascertain if the Indians know anything of the movements of troops from the interior across the frostier, and is the seeking information coastier, and is the seeking information coastier.